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there had been some arrangement made with the doctor who signed the certificate. I at once wrote to railroad company's surgeon at Monterey and Mexico City, stating that the State Department had instructed the United States consuls that persons from Mexico would be required to have a consular certificate, which would be supplied free, therefore a certificate from them was unnecessary, and to direct persons desiring certificates of noninfection to United States consul.

The railroad company, it appears, does not think that United States consular certificates are necessary as per inclosed slip from Monterey Globe, Mexico, of July 5, but notwithstanding, I expect passengers to give me satisfactory evidence, and will consider railroad company's certificates for what they are worth; some are good, others are not. I have written Marine-Hospital Service representative at Mexico City as to the value of railroad company's certificate from that place. The railroad company thinks that I am more exacting than at other railroad ports of entry, although I inform them what is required of passengers coming from Mexico, and I treat all passengers courteously. Passengers blame railroad company for not informing them of quarantine requirements, but as a rule they have evidence (not necessarily certificates) of their whereabouts. I think, under the circumstances, that persons should get their certificates from persons not connected with railroads over which they purchase tickets.

OREGON.

Report on smallpox in Portland.

PORTLAND, OREG., *June 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that another case of smallpox was admitted to the county hospital to-day, making 4 cases that have been found in the city up to this time. Only 1 of these cases, however, contracted the disease in Portland. The others represent widely separated sections of the country, namely, Newberg, Oreg., Winter's Camp, on the Snake River, and Seattle, Wash. It is a mild type of the disease, and those stricken so far will recover.

Respectfully, yours,

RUPERT BLUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

PORTO RICO.

Sanitary report from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *June 26, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the quarantine report and abstract of bills of health report for the week ended June 24.

The week has been an unusually quiet one, so far as the shipping is concerned, and there is nothing of interest to report.

Brigadier-General Davis and staff paid an official visit of inspection to Ponce during the early part of the week. By his orders some much-needed help was extended to the local sanitary authorities. He also gave orders to have built for me a temporary disinfecting room on the Government dock here.

The general health of Ponce continues good, and there are no infectious diseases reported this week.

Respectfully yours,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.